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INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicant has carefully reviewed the final Office Action mailed November 12, 1999 and the Advisory Action mailed May 22, 2000. Detailed comments in response to the final Office Action and Advisory Action are found below. Please amend the specification as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Sub E *D1*
1. (Twice amended) An isolated and purified peptide of a chemokine, a variant, or a derivative thereof, comprising no more than 30 amino acid residues, wherein at least three contiguous residues of the peptide correspond to residues in the carboxyl-terminal half of the mature form of the chemokine, wherein the three contiguous residues correspond to residues Trp-Val-Gln or Lys-Gln-Lys in human MCP-1, and wherein the peptide inhibits the activity of the corresponding native chemokine.

D2
10. (Amended) The peptide of claim 8 wherein the CXC chemokine is IL-8[, IP-10, SDF-1, PF-4, NAP-2, GRO α , GRO β , GRO γ , NAP-2 or ENA78].

D3
11. (Twice amended) A cyclic reverse [D] sequence [(CRD)] derivative (CRD) of a peptide of a chemokine or a variant thereof.

Sub E2 D4
42. (Amended) The peptide of claim 4 which is Cys-Leu-Asp-Pro-Lys-Gln-Lys-Trp-Ile-Gln [(SEQ ID NO:7)].

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